

Hydro and FRIENDS unplugged



Kilometres of portage trails along the

Rupert!

As part of the project, Hydro-Québec made a commitment to improve the portage trails along the Rupert. Over the last few weeks, about a dozen tallymen from Nemaska and Waskaganish worked at improving 34 sites covering some 23 kilometres of portage trails. The work will make for easier, more pleasant boating along the Rupert.



James Wapachee and Matthew Loon. Signs will be installed along the river to indicate where the entrance and exit of each portage trail are.



Walter Jolly, Tallyman of trapline N25, at KP 300

In 2009 and 2010, a detailed characterization of the condition of all portages on the river was conducted with the tallymen, to determine the actions that needed to be taken at locations where the water levels had dropped after diversion. These actions included extending the existing portages, creating new ones, realigning the trails, and generally improving the condition of the portages by building footpaths in wetland areas and/or small foot bridges across streams, as well as pruning, slashing and removing debris.